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SUBJECT: NEW RED BRIGADE MESSAGE AFFIRMS MORO CASE OVER AND DEATH
SENTENCE TO BE CARRIED OUT

1. NOTING THE FIRM REFUSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT AND DC TO ACCEPT

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THEIR DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF 13 PRISONERS, A NEW MESSAGE FROM
THE RED BRIGADES (RB) DISCOVERED AT MID-AFTERNOON MAY 5 IN
MILAN, GENOA, TURIN AND ROME AFFIRMS THAT "WE THEREFORE CONCLUDE
THE BATTLE BEGUN ON MARCH 16, CARRYING OUT THE SENTENCE TO WHICH
ALDO MORO HAS BEEN CONDEMNED." ("CONCLUDIAMO QUINDI LA BATTAGLIA
INIAIZTA IL 16 MARZO, ESEGUENDO LA SENTENZA A CUI ALDO MORO
E STATO CONDANNATO."). ITS STYLE AND FORM ARE CONSISTENT WITH

PREVIOUS RB MESSAGES. PENDING FULL ANALYSIS, THE COMMUNIQUE IS BEING ACCEPTED AS AUTHENTIC BY MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR SOURCES.

2. THE RB COMMUNIQUE NO. 9 BEGINS WITH A STATEMENT THAT MORO'S CASE HAS BEEN "CONCLUDED." IT DOES NOT STATE, HOWEVER, THAT MORO HAS ALREADY BEEN KILLED, ALTHOUGH THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE SUGGESTS A CLEAR INTENTION TO DO SO. THE STATEMENT NOTES THAT THE FREEING OF THE 13 PRISONERS HAD BEEN THE ONLY POSSIBILITY OF SAVING MORO'S LIFE. IT CHARGED THAT THE REFUSAL OF THE DC, THE GOVERNMENT, AND "THEIR ACCOMPLICES" TO AGREE TO THE EXCHANGE WAS PROOF THAT THEY WERE "FEROCIOUS ASSASSINS IN THE SERVICE OF BOURGEOIS IMPERIALISM." ESPECIALLY VICIOUS CRITICISM WAS RESERVED FOR SOCIALIST LEADER CRAXI WHO IN RECENT DAYS HAD SOUGHT TO WIN MORO'S RELEASE THROUGH A UNILATERAL "HUMANITARIAN ACT" SUCH AS CLEMENCY FOR SOME EXTREME-LEFT PRISONERS. SINCE IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR THAT ONLY A PRISONER-EXCHANGE WAS ACCEPTABLE, CRAXI'S INITIATIVE WAS BUT A DIRTY POLITICAL MANEUVER AND SMOKESCREEN "FOR PARTY OR ELECTION INTERESTS OF NO CONCERN TO US." THE TERRORISTS ALSO HAD HARSH WORDS FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS REPRESENTED BY LAMA AND BERLINGUER, ACCUSED OF SPYING AND "LURID COLLABORATION" WITH THE DC AGAINST THE TRUE ARMED REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

3. THE RB REITERATE THEIR THREAT TO CONTINUE AND EXTEND THEIR ACTIVITY "AGAINST THE VITAL CENTERS OF THE IMPERIALIST STATE".
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THEY AGAIN DESCRIBE THE MORO KIDNAPPING AS "ONLY A BATTLE AMONG THE MANY" THEY WILL UNDERTAKE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WHILE THEY HINT DISAPPOINTMENT IN NOT HAVING OBTAINED THE RELEASE OF THEIR IMPRISONED COMRADES, THEY EXULT IN THE INABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT (NOTWITHSTANDING THE HELP RECEIVED FROM GERMAN, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SPECIALISTS) TO HINDER THEIR ACTIVITY.

4. THE LATEST COMMUNIQUE WAS DISCOVERED WITHIN MINUTES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON MAY 5 THAT THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR SECURITY HAD AGAIN FORMALLY REITERATED THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM POLICY OF REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE TERRORISTS. THE BRIEF GOVERNMENT STATEMENT DECLARED THAT A UNILATERAL ACT OF CLEMENCY (AS SUGGESTED BY THE SOCIALISTS) WOULD BE "OFFENSIVE TO THE LEGAL ORDER AND PUBLIC CONSCIENCE." GARDNER

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